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HEADQUARTERS.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., May 11, 1861.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 9.

I. In conformity with instructions from the Headquarters of Virginia Forces, Volunteers' companies of Infantry and Riflemen will be received into the service of the State for the period of one year from the 25th April, 1861, from the counties of Richmond, Northumberland and Lancaster, preparatory to instruction at, or near the Court-Houses of the respective counties or such other points as may be designated, and also, companies of Volunteers *organized and armed as above specified*, will be received in the counties of Essex and Middlesex for the same period of service, for instruction in the vicinity of Tappahannock and Urbanna.

Companies of Volunteer Artillery and Cavalry *already organized, armed and equipped according to law*, will be reported by their Captains in person, or by mail, directly to these Headquarters, for special instructions.

II. The companies of Volunteers presenting themselves, are expressly enjoined to conform in every essential particular in their organization, armament and equipment, to the requirements stated in the instructions for mustering Volunteers into service, from "Inspector General Baldwin, dated April 30th, 1861," for which, application may be made directly to the Inspector General of the State, or to the Inspector at these Headquarters.

As companies are reported organized by their Captains at these Headquarters, or at such other points as may be designated, an Inspector will be directed at an appointed time, to muster them into the service of the State.

III. The policy of the State as clearly indicated by the Proclamation of the Governor, and the ordinances of the Convention, is, to rely mainly on the *organized and disciplined* Volunteer Forces, in conjunction with the Provisional Army of Virginia

The readiness with which the people of this Department have responded to the call for Volunteers, induces the hope, that *save upon the emergency of actual invasion, the Militia* will not be called out; but should that contingency arise before precise instructions are communicated, full reliance will be placed in the bold-hearts and strong arms of an united people, to make each house a citadel, and

every rock and tree, positions of defence, thus efficiently siding the organized forces, communicating by telegraph and concentrating by Railway at the endangered point, in such numbers as to sweep from our borders the insolent invaders.

Called to command a Border District of Virginia, now threatened with *invasion and subjugation*: by a lawless tyranny, which, over a violated Constitution, would march to conquest and carnage, it is esteemed not less the post of honor than of danger. Brave and loyal men of that district, which has given to freedom, a Washington, Madison, Monroe, Lee, Mercer, and others, whom both in Camp and in Council, the world has recognized as among the noblest defenders of Constitutional Liberty; you are called upon to rally for the defence of your homes and firesides—your wives and children—the ashes of your mighty dead—the freedom purchased by your fathers' blood—and the soil and sovereignty of your proud Old Commonwealth.

Give force and efficiency to your patriotic ardor by the aid of discipline and organization; substitute prudence and policy for passion, and by your devotion to Liberty, regulated by Law: vindicate before the nations, your claim to exercise the inalienable right of self-government.

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